

the insurance companies operate, to be in a position to identify 3 percent in a single issue doesn't make much sense because of the diversification that they would typically have underneath a single entity. So the primary change at this point then is to allow that 3 percent to go to 5 percent relative to, or, in essence, we are scratching the whole concept of a single issue and make our qualitative, quantitative decisions relative to the entity rather than the amount in any given issue. So that constitutes the crush to the bill and I think it might be also important for the body to realize that here is one time this year and maybe the only time this year that Senator Ashford and I have teamed up on an issue and with that kind of diverse support I think the bill should be advanced to E & R Initial.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion? Seeing none, those in favor of the advancement of the bill, please vote aye, opposed nay. On the advancement of the bill. Please vote if you care to vote. Shall the bill be advanced? Please record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance 712.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 712 is advanced. LB 533, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, 533 was a bill introduced by Senator Schmit. (Read title.) It was introduced on January 22, referred to the Natural Resources Committee for hearing, advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending by the Natural Resources Committee, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: On the committee amendments, Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, the committee amendment authorizes the Environmental Control Council to exempt certain small facilities from the provisions of this act. It also clarifies some language and reduces the civil penalty from \$5,000 a day, for violation, to 500. I have to kind of explain the action a little bit so you understand those amendments. This amendment...or the bill itself requires a certification of wastewater treatment plant operators. We have, of course, a number of cities and persons in second class today which are exempt from this act and there is a strong feeling that the federal law requires all of these individuals to be certified. The amendment that I just explained to you does not require certification of any community which uses the lagoon system for wastewater treatment and it also has certain exemptions for